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Item 1
Organizational matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the second regular session 2012 and agree on the workplan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board may wish to approve the report of its annual session 2012. A draft report was distributed to members of the Board for their comments; the final report reflects the comments received.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a draft workplan for 2013 is being submitted to the Executive Board. The document will be finalized by the secretariat in close consultation with the Bureau of the Board and will be submitted to the Board for adoption at its first regular session 2013.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2012/L.3)

Report of the annual session 2012 (DP/2012/15)

Decisions adopted at the annual session 2012 (DP/2012/16)

Draft workplan for 2013 (DP/2012/CRP.2)

UNDP segment

Item 2
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The report on the annual review of the financial situation undertakes a comprehensive review and analysis, from the financial perspective, of UNDP activities at the global and aggregate levels. The overview assesses the performance of the organization against the various sources for programming: regular resources, other resources, and UNDP-administered funds. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

Documentation:

Annual review of the financial situation, 2011 (DP/2012/17)

Detailed information relating to the annual review of the financial situation 2011 (DP/2012/17/Add.1)

Item 3
Country programmes and related matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will also be asked to: (a) take note of the six-months extension of the country programme for Egypt; (b) comment on the draft common country programme document for Pakistan and the draft subregional programme document for the Pacific Island Countries and Territories; and (c)

comment on the draft country programme documents for Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, South Africa, Myanmar, Nepal, Libya, Sudan, Haiti and Nicaragua, prior to their finalization.

As requested by the Executive Board in its decisions 2001/11 and 2006/36, the following country programmes will be approved on a no-objection basis, without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the meeting of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Board:

Africa region: Guinea, Lesotho, Mauritius, Sierra Leone;

Asia and the Pacific region: India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka;

Arab States region: Djibouti, Jordan;

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States region: the Republic of Moldova;

Latin America and the Caribbean region: Belize, Bolivia, Costa Rica.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2012/19)

Africa

Draft country programme document for Cameroon (DP/DCP/CMR/2)

Draft country programme document for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DP/DCP/COD/2)

Draft country programme document for Equatorial Guinea (DP/DCP/GNQ/2)

Draft country programme document for Liberia (DP/DCP/LBR/2)

Draft country programme document for South Africa (DP/DCP/ZAF/2)

Asia and the Pacific

Draft subregional programme document for the Pacific Island Countries and Territories (DP/DSP/PIC/1)

Draft common country programme document for Pakistan (DP/DCCP/PAK/1)

Draft country programme document for Myanmar (DP/DCP/MMR/1)

Draft country programme document for Nepal (DP/DCP/NPL/2)

Arab States

Draft country programme document for Libya (DP/DCP/LBY/2/Rev.1)

Draft country programme document for Sudan (DP/DCP/SDN/2)

Latin America and the Caribbean

Draft country programme document for Haiti (DP/DCP/HTI/2)

Draft country programme document for Nicaragua (DP/DCP/NIC/2)

Item 4
Evaluation

The annual report on evaluation, covering the period between March 2011 and February 2012, assesses the performance of the evaluation function by presenting information on evaluation coverage, compliance, quality, institutional arrangements, and the way evaluations are used. The report also presents key findings and lessons from the body of independent evaluations conducted during the reporting period. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

Evaluation of the UNDP contribution to strengthening electoral systems and processes was approved as part of the programme of work of the UNDP Evaluation Office at the annual session 2011 of the Executive Board. Strengthening electoral systems and processes has been a major area of UNDP work since 1976. As credible electoral processes are indispensable to a democratic system, UNDP focuses on strengthening inclusive participation and raising the professionalism of electoral administration. This is done with the ultimate goal of deepening democracy and accelerating sustainable human development. The evaluation determines the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of UNDP contribution to attaining such results. It also examines the added value of UNDP support, its responsiveness to evolving demand and to the challenges inherent in the process. The evaluation provides recommendations for future UNDP strategies for work in this area. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the report. The evaluation will be accompanied by the UNDP management response.

The evaluation of UNDP partnership with global funds and philanthropic foundations was approved as part of the programme of work of the UNDP Evaluation Office at the second regular session 2008 of the Executive Board. Over the past decade, in seeking to expand partnership and funding options for programme countries, UNDP has engaged with a range of environment and health-related global funds as well as with philanthropic foundations. The evaluation assesses the effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of UNDP support to the achievement of development results when activities are carried out in partnership with global funds and philanthropic foundations. It also seeks to clarify the added value to key stakeholders of partnerships with global funds and philanthropic foundations and the comparative advantages of partnering with such funding instruments. The evaluation provides recommendation on how UNDP partnerships with global funds and philanthropic foundations could be further developed. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the report. The evaluation will be accompanied by the UNDP management response.

Documentation:

Annual report on evaluation (DP/2012/20)

Evaluation of the UNDP contribution to strengthening electoral systems and processes (DP/2012/21)

Management response to the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to strengthening electoral systems and processes (DP/2012/22)

Evaluation of UNDP partnership with global funds and philanthropic foundations (DP/2012/23)

Management response to the evaluation of UNDP partnership with global funds and philanthropic foundations (DP/2012/24)

Item 11
Programming arrangements

The programming arrangements play an integral role in helping UNDP achieve development results. They fund critical resource facilities through which regular resources are allocated to implement Executive Board-approved programme documents, which reflect individual country needs within Strategic-Plan priorities. The first review of the programming arrangements (document DP/2010/5) raised concerns with respect to increased flexibility and responsiveness on the part of UNDP to meet the demands of a dynamic spectrum of countries with diverse development challenges. In response to decision 2010/3 on the first review, a second review was undertaken (document DP/2012/3), where UNDP agreed that it was necessary to carefully and strategically consider programming arrangements in the context of its business model and three concurrent initiatives that inform and are integrally linked to it: the new strategic plan, the integrated budget, and the agenda for organizational change. In its decision 2012/1 on the second review, the Board endorsed overarching assumptions with respect to predictability and progressivity in allocating TRAC-1 resources, and UNDP presence. In follow-up to this decision, whilst UNDP has through numerous bilateral and regional consultations focused primarily on further elaboration of TRAC-1 eligibility options and allocation models, the present document elaborates on principles underlying UNDP's global strategic presence; information pertaining to programming arrangements lines other than TRAC-1, TRAC-2 and TRAC-3; the establishment of a contingency fund; the possible inclusion of UNCDF in the programming arrangements; and TRAC-1 eligibility options and TRAC-1 allocation models.

The Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

Documentation:

Programming arrangements, 2014-2017 (DP/2012/25)

UNFPA segment

Item 5
Country programmes and related matters

The Executive Board will have before it one programme extension for Egypt in the Arab States region.

The Executive Board will also have before it for discussion nine draft country programme documents for Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia and South Africa in the Africa region; the Sudan in the Arab States region; Pakistan (draft common country programme document) in the Asia and the Pacific region, and Haiti and Nicaragua in the Latin America and Caribbean region.

The Executive Board may wish to (a) approve the six-month programme extension for Egypt; and (b) take note of the draft country programme documents for Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, South Africa, Sudan, Pakistan (draft common country programme document), Haiti and Nicaragua.

In accordance with decision 2006/36 of the Executive Board, 12 country programmes, which were reviewed earlier at the annual session 2012, would be approved by the Board on a no-objection basis, without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the session of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board. The country programmes for approval by the Board at the second regular session 2012 are as follows: Guinea, Lesotho and Sierra Leone in the Africa region; Djibouti and Jordan in the Arab States region; India, Nepal, Pacific Island countries and territories and Sri Lanka in the Asia and the Pacific region; the Republic of Moldova in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region; Bolivia, Plurinational State of, and Costa Rica in the Latin America and the Caribbean region.

Documentation:

Extension of country programme for Egypt (six-month extension (DP/FPA/2012/15)

Draft country programme documents

Africa

Draft country programme document for Cameroon (DP/FPA/DCP/CMR/6)
Draft country programme document for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DP/FPA/DCP/DRC/4)
Draft country programme document for Equatorial Guinea (DP/FPA/DCP/GNQ/6)
Draft country programme document for Liberia (DP/FPA/DCP/LBR/4)
Draft country programme document for South Africa (DP/FPA/DCP/ZAF/4)

Arab States

Draft country programme document for the Sudan (DP/FPA/DCP/SDN/6)

Asia and the Pacific

Draft common country programme document for Pakistan (DP/FPA/DCCP/PAK/1)

Latin America and the Caribbean

Draft country programme document for Haiti (DP/FPA/DCP/HTI/5)
Draft country programme document for Nicaragua (DP/FPA/DCP/NIC/8)

Item 6
Evaluation

Under this item, pursuant to decision 2009/18, the Executive Board will have before it the biennial report on evaluation. The report assesses the performance of the evaluation function at UNFPA; the quality of evaluations; and the ability of the Evaluation Branch, Division for Oversight Services, UNFPA, to address both the coverage and the quality of evaluations. The report also analyses the corporate challenges associated with evaluation gaps and addresses ways to improve the evaluation function at UNFPA. Furthermore, pursuant to decision 2009/18, the Executive Board will also have before it a review of the UNFPA evaluation policy.

The independent review was conducted by the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services. In addition, pursuant to decision 2009/18, the management response is provided separately on the UNFPA website. Furthermore, pursuant to decisions 2009/18 and 2010/26, the biennial evaluation plan is provided on the UNFPA website. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on this item.

Documentation:

Biennial report on evaluation (DP/FPA/2012/8)
Review of the UNFPA evaluation policy (DP/FPA/2012/17)
Management response
Biennial evaluation plan

UNOPS segment

Item 7
United Nations Office for Project Services

In its decision 2009/25 the Executive Board approved UNOPS Strategic Plan 2010-2013 (document DP/2009/36). Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2010/21 and General Assembly resolution 65/176 the Executive Director proposed to instigate a midterm review of the Strategic Plan. The review was launched with the objective to take stock of what the organization had learned and ensure the continued relevance of UNOPS strategic direction in a changing world. The review has considered the UNOPS General Assembly mandate and relevant Executive Board decisions; the UNOPS strategic framework; developments in the external environment; operational and management results achieved over the biennium; partner needs and views; and UNOPS own experiences. Based on the findings, the review aims to focus the execution of UNOPS strategy for the next 15 months and position the organization for the strategic plan 2014-2017.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

In its resolution 39/220 the General Assembly established the need for recurrent reporting of statistical data on procurement by United Nations agencies on operational activities. As of 2008 and pursuant to Executive Board decision 2007/38, the Executive Director of UNOPS has assumed the responsibility of compiling and submitting the report. The 2011 report features a supplement that examines the issue of transparency and its effects on public procurement in the context of the global move towards creating a more accountable and robust system of development cooperation. In addition, the report also features a trend analysis of United Nations procurement from developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Documentation:

Midterm review of the strategic plan, 2010-2013 (DP/OPS/2012/7)

Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations 2011 (DP/OPS/2012/8)

Joint segment

Item 8
Follow-up to UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it a joint UNDP and UNFPA report that addresses the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. The report focuses on the implementation of decisions from the 29th meeting of the PCB, held in December 2011; and plans for follow-up on the decisions of the 30th meeting of the PCB, held in June 2012. The report also highlights UNDP and UNFPA contributions in responding to HIV. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (DP/2012/26–DP/FPA/2012/18)

Item 9
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

Pursuant to earlier Executive Board decisions, at the first regular session 2012, UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF presented an informal timetable for the joint review of the work on cost recovery, as well as a mock integrated budget, which called for a formal consideration at the second regular session 2012. The present report focuses on the joint cost-recovery review. The mock integrated budget will be presented separately as an informal document. The joint review has led to a number of important conclusions. Special attention is drawn to the proposal to replace the current cost-recovery methodology, which is based in part on indirect fixed costs funded solely from core resources, and the approach discussed in the report, which includes the elimination of the distinction between indirect fixed costs and indirect variable costs. In view of the above, further guidance is requested from the Executive Board, especially with respect to the final cost recovery rate(s) to be adopted during the 2014-2017 period. Accordingly, the agencies propose to present an update to the present document, including proposed cost-recovery rates, for consideration by the Board at the first regular session 2013. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

Documentation:

Roadmap to the integrated budget: Joint UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF review on the impact of cost definitions and classification of activities on harmonized cost-recovery rates (DP-FPA/2012/1)

Item 10
Field visits

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it reports of the joint field visits of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP to the Republic of Djibouti (18-22 March 2012) and to Ethiopia (22 to 31 March 2012).

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the reports.

Documentation:

Report of the joint field visit to the Republic of Djibouti of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (DP-FPA-OPS/2012/CRP.1)

Report of the joint field visit to Ethiopia of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (DP-FPA-OPS/2012/CRP.2)

Item 12
Other matters

Briefing by UNFPA on the ICPD beyond 2014 review.

TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2012
(4 to 10 September 2012, New York)

Day/date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Tuesday, 4 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session • Adoption of the report of the annual session 2012 **UNFPA segment** STATEMENT BY THE UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		6	EVALUATION • Biennial report on evaluation (decision 2009/18) • Biennial evaluation plan (decisions 2009/18 and 2010/26) • Management response (decision 2009/18) • Review of the UNFPA evaluation policy (decisions 2009/18 and 2010/26)
	1:15 - 2:45 p.m.		*Informal consultation on the UNOPS midterm review of the strategic plan, 2010-2013, and the roadmap towards the strategic plan, 2014-2017*
	3 – 5 p.m.	5	UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Draft country programme documents • Approval of country programmes
	5 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Wednesday, 5 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNDP segment** STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
		2	UNDP: FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Annual review of the financial situation, 2011
	1:15 - 2:45 p.m.		*Joint UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS informal consultation on procurement*
	3 – 6 p.m.	11	PROGRAMMING ARRANGEMENTS • Review of programming arrangements, 2008-2013 (decision 2012/1)
Thursday, 6 September	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.		**Joint segment**
		9	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Joint UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF report on steps taken and progress achieved towards an integrated budget, effective 2014, including a mock integrated budget
	12 – 1 p.m.		*Informal consultation on the outline for the design for the cumulative review of the current UNDP strategic plan, 2008-2013*
	1:15 - 2:45 p.m.		*Joint UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS informal consultation on human resources policies*
	3 – 5:30 p.m.		**UNOPS segment** STATEMENT BY THE UNOPS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		7	• Midterm review of the strategic plan, 2010-2013 • Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations 2011

	5:30 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultation on draft decisions*
Friday, 7 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNDP segment (cont'd)**
		3	UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Draft country programme documents • Approval of country programmes
		4	EVALUATION • Annual report on evaluation and management response • Evaluation of the contribution of UNDP to strengthening electoral systems and processes and management response • Evaluation of UNDP partnership with global funds and philanthropic foundations and management response
	1:15 – 2:45 p.m.		*Joint informal briefing on the Report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 2011 for UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS*
	3 – 4:30 p.m.	4	EVALUATION (cont'd)
	4:30 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultation on the UNFPA Strategic Plan*
Monday, 10 September	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.		*Briefing by UNFPA on the ICPD beyond 2014 review*
	3 – 6 p.m.		**Joint segment (cont'd)**
		8	FOLLOW-UP TO UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD MEETING • Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
		10	FIELD VISITS • Report on the joint field visit to Djibouti and Ethiopia
		12	OTHER MATTERS • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Draft workplan for 2013 • Tentative workplan for the first regular session 2013